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Police

Alleged irregular conduct of Police in Kistna.

* 1674 Q.—Mr. J. A. Saldanha: With reference to question No. 1786 answered on 23rd March 1928 regarding alleged irregular conduct of Police in Kistna, will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state what action has been taken on the charges framed against the Deputy Superintendent of Police concerned?

A.—The Government have ordered a fresh departmental enquiry into one of the charges against the Deputy Superintendent of Police. Pending the completion of the enquiry he has been placed under suspension.

Budget

Utilization of the remitted provincial contributions.

* 1675 Q.—Mr. K. V. R. Swami: Will the hon. the Member for Finance be pleased to state in what manner the remitted provincial contributions were utilized in each year?

A.—The hon. Member is referred to—

(i) the report of the Finance Committee on the utilization of the amount released by the remission of the Provincial contribution during the years 1925–26 to 1927–28 communicated to the Legislative Council on the 1st November 1927, and

(ii) the answer to question No. 1019 by Mr. P. C. Venkatapati Raju, M.L.C., at the Council meeting on 28th January 1929 regarding the utilization of the sum of Rs. 48·73 lakhs permanently remitted from 1928–29.

Criminal Justice

Punishment given to Mr. White for shooting a coolie in the Harbour.

* 1676 Q.—Dr. B. S. Mallayya: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state what was the punishment awarded to Mr. White for shooting a coolie in the Madras Port Trust compound last year?

A.—A fine of Rs. 300; in default to suffer simple imprisonment for six months.

Dr. B. S. Mallayya:—"May I know whether there is any proportion in punishment between one killing another and another selling fruits in the City contrary to police regulations, whether the British law contemplates that for killing a man the fine is Rs. 300 and for selling fruits against police regulations a poor woman is to be fined Rs. 10 and to be detained in jail?"

Mr. A. Ranganatha Mudaliyar:—"May I know if this sentence has been considered as inadequate?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur M. Krishnan Nayar:—"Yes; the Government have advised the Crown Prosecutor to present a petition for enhancement of the sentence."